

Ms. Nita Fuller
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Dear Ms. Fuller:

Our office will no longer be sending gypsy moth traps to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. This site is located within the Slow-the-Spread (STS) Trapping Program Monitoring Zone. Trapping by our office in the same area is not necessary. For more information regarding the STS Program, please visit <http://www.gmsts.org>.

It is still important for Ottawa personnel to continue looking for gypsy moth life stages such as larvae, pupae, moths and/or egg masses while performing their normal duties. The GM Digest web page is a good resource for general gypsy moth information, as well as, having publication links that can be helpful in the identification of these life stages. The web address is: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/gm/index.shtm>.

Thank you for your past cooperation. If any suspected gypsy moth and/or other forest health pests are detected at Ottawa or if you have any other questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call Bill Oldland at 304-285-1585.

Sincerely,

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Forest Health Protection

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